Draft questions for party groupings

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Does your party grouping support:

Country by country reporting

- an obligation for all multinational enterprises to publish, as part of their annual reports and on a country by country basis for each country in which they operate, information on profits made, taxes paid, subsidies received as well as turnover and number of employees, similarly to the information currently required by banks as part of the Capital Requirements Directive?

Ownership transparency

- ending the anonymity of companies, trusts, foundations, and similar legal structures through the creation of public registries of the real – beneficial – owners, in order to prevent the abuse of such structures for money laundering purposes?

A common consolidated corporate tax base

A mandatory common consolidated corporate tax base for all EU corporations except small and medium enterprises, in order to prevent profit shifting and aggressive tax planning?

An intergovernmental process on tax matters

- the establishment if an intergovernmental body on tax matters under the auspices of the United Nations?

The Financial Transaction Tax

- the introduction of an EU-wide financial transactions tax to reduce the quantity of dangerous financial speculation and to compensate the public for the costs imposed on them by the banking sector?

Public audits to determine legitimacy of debts

- the holding of public audits into the debts of EU and developing countries, to determine who benefited from lending and borrowing, and to adjudicate on the legitimacy of the debts?

Debt cancellation

- cancelling a share of the external debt of EU governments arising from the 2008 banking crisis (for example, those of Greece, Ireland, Spain, Portugal and Latvia), and a share of the debts of heavily indebted developing countries (for example, Grenada, Jamaica, Pakistan, El Salvador and Tunisia)?

Arbitration process for sovereign debts

- the creation of a fair, independent and transparent arbitration process for sovereign debts, to enable efficient and legal write-downs of debts during sovereign debt crises?

Reform of the international financial institutions

- reform of voting power within international financial institutions, such as the IMF, so that voting shares are determined via a democratic structure that ends the existing vote bias favouring richer countries and ensures developing countries' voices are no longer under-represented?

Standing up against excessive corporate lobbying

- standing-up to defend citizens and democracy against the excessive lobbying influence of banks and big business?